

CACTUS TOSSERS BEAT TIGERS; FELDMAN'S WIN FROM MINERS

Bowman Boys and Their Speedy Combination Prove Too Much For High School Basketball Stars; Latter Lack Good Physical Condition; the Second Game Proves Tame; Feldman's Win From S. of M.

THE last chance to head off the Cactus club in the race for the City Basketball League pennant was lost by the High school on Saturday night, at the Y. M. C. A., when the league leaders won by a score of 25 to 13 in a hard and interesting game.

The early pace was too fast to enable either team to play classy basketball. Checking was hard and close and there were few chances for basket throwing. The Tigers got away with a real rush and tallied the first goal before the club team realized that the first whistle had blown.

Both teams had speed to burn in the first period, which ended with the Cactus on top, 19 to 13. It was in the second period that the Tigers wilted. They had fully as many chances, if not more, than the Cactus in the first half, but were not as accurate in their throwing.

Physical Condition Tells.

Better physical condition told in the second half and when they tired, the Tigers "went out." The Cactus combination then had a chance to shine and the Bowman boys repeatedly worked in under the basket and tallied goals. Devereaux Bowman was the chief scorer in the second period and located the basket with seven field goals in the period.

There wasn't much to choose between the Bowman as all three played good basketball. Poor Bob Jones seems to be getting old. He used to be a real star as a basketball player, but it must be his age that causes him to hold so much. There were at least half a dozen occasions when the veteran resorted to unfair tactics on Saturday night and get away with it. Bob is mighty clever at the holding stuff and unless he is watched closely he cannot be caught.

Fox Sees Ties.

Chris Fox played a great game at guard for the Tigers in the first half. During the second period, the big fellow was so tired that he could hardly get around. At Tatum went into the game despite a slight illness and played well. M. Mudd filled in at guard and more than made good. He had a head-on collision with Devereaux Bowman in the first period and was rather dizzy for a few minutes.

Palmer Schumacher went up to forward and was as effective as in his old position on the defense. Bryant had hard luck. He had about 25

chances to score but tallied on only three occasions.

Holman Has "Engagement."

Phil Holman acted as referee and did good work. Phil simply refused to stay on the floor for the second game, asserting that he had a "terribly important" engagement in the gallery.

The tabulated score and lineup:

Cactus	Forward	Field	Free	Points
Al Adams	forward	2	0	4
Devereaux Bowman	forward	2	0	19
D. W. Bowman	forward	2	0	11
Chris Fox	center	2	0	6
Bob Jones	guard	2	0	0
Frank Lopez	guard	0	0	0
L. Waddell	guard	0	0	0
Totals		20	0	40

Feldman's Best Mines.

The second game proved tame compared with the opening half of the evening's bill. The Feldman's decked out in a variety of uniforms because their own colors conflicted with Mines, won from the School of Mines, 25 to 14. The fact that the score was close was the redeeming feature of the contest for it was not until the last ten minutes of play that the game grew at all exciting.

Both teams played clean basketball but snap and dash seemed lacking. The first half saw the Feldmans ahead by one point, the score at the intermission being 6 to 5. It was nip and tuck during the second half until five minutes before the end of the game. Then the Feldmans seemed to get a little "pep" and took a commanding lead.

Lineup and Tabulated Score:

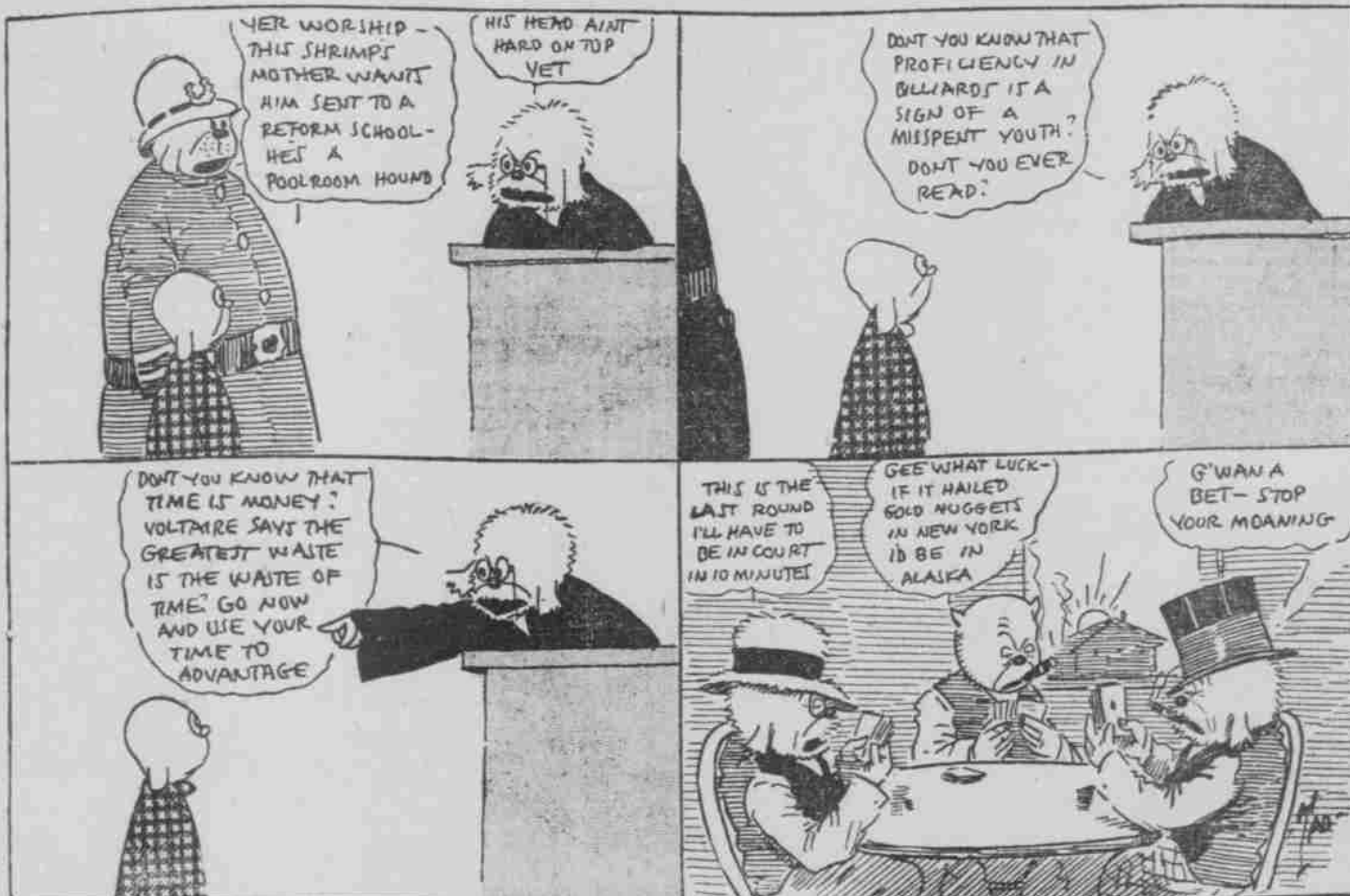
Feldman	Forward	Field	Free	Points
S. Walker	forward	2	0	4
E. Anderson	forward	2	0	4
"Sag" Shea	center	0	0	12
Max Roberts	guard	0	0	0
Lamar Thomas	guard	1	0	2
Totals		11	0	22

Change in Schedule.

During the evening, the managers of the different teams in the City Basketball League agreed to a change in the schedule for next Saturday night. The Wals and High teams will play the second game instead of the Mines and Wals. The Wals and High teams are now battling for second place and the game promises to be sensational.

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WINNER OF THE 1915 PENNANT MAY NOT FIGURE IN 1916 RACE

Phillies Won in 1915 Largely Because of Weakness of Other Clubs; This Year, New York, Boston and Chicago Will Have Strong Teams; Cards and Pirates Look More Like the Probable Tailenders.

NEW YORK, Feb. 28.—The Phillies, in our opinion, will not figure very largely—if at all—in the 1916 pennant race in the National League.

They won in 1915, not because they were wonderfully strong, but because all the other clubs were weak, either normally or because of mid-season injuries. The mighty arm of Grover Alexander was the real power that lifted the Quakerstown outfit to the crest of baseball. It is unlikely that the wonderful Alex can ever duplicate his work of a year ago. He may pitch better baseball in spots, he may turn in a better average. But it seems beyond the range of possibility that he ever again will rise to the sublime heights in the critical moments as he did last year.

The Phillies will take the field in 1916 without any noticeable changes in lineup. They haven't acquired any youngsters who look likely to blossom forth into big league flowers. And, as we view it, the 1915 Phillie outfit will not have a real chance against the greatly improved machines that other cities will send into the battle.

Braves Look Good.

The Braves look about as good as any club in the Eastern circuit. The addition of Ed Konechny ought to improve the batting and fielding power. The Braves have a few young pitchers who may be able to jump into the lineup regularly. They have a fair batting power, great fielding strength, a superfluity of "pep" and some real pitchers. There is a machine built compactly—a machine with speed and endurance.

The Giants are a problem. They have been strengthened greatly by the addition of several Federal leaguers and a dozen stars of lesser magnitude but have been strengthened sufficiently. If McDraw can grab off two or three real pitchers from that flock that he will take south with him, the New Yorkers ought to be back among the pennant battlers, because their infield and outfield are extremely powerful.

On paper the Giants look better than they have for many years. But are they good enough to set the pace from the start—and hold it to the finish?

Reds Are Dark Horses.

Those Cincinnati Reds will make the biggest noise that any Rhineland club has made for many years—or we miss our guess. Charlie Herzog, the "batting" manager, is extremely confident that his club will be in the fight all the way into the stretch—and his optimism is shared by many of the dopesters.

The Reds will have a great infield with Mollwitz on first, Emond at second, Herzog at short and Groh at third, and they'll have a fine outfield, too. Behind the bat the Reds are as strong as any other club in the league, while their pitching strength is increased at least 10 per cent by purchase of Federal leaguers and "bush" talent.

The Pirates cannot be figured as a powerful club. They never were in the fight in 1915, yet the plan seems to be to send practically the same crew into battle in 1916—unless some real major leaguers are found among the youngsters. Jimmy Callahan may be able to put the club into the fight, but it seems doubtful. The Pirates must be rebuilt before the Smokey City folks can have their pennant dreams come true.

Dodgers Loom Up.

Those Dodgers will bear watching. They put up a great fight in 1915 and lost because they couldn't hit toward the far end of the season. Early in the year the pitchers wobbled and the batters knocked down fences. Later

PAIRS MATCHED IN GOLF FINALS

W. E. Dudley and J. C. Wilmarth to Play Next Sunday for President's Cup.

W. E. Dudley and J. C. Wilmarth will meet next Sunday morning in the final of the El Paso Country club golf tournament for the president's cup. Mr. Dudley defeated G. A. Frost, 5 up and 4 to play, in the semifinal round. Mr. Dudley played in remarkably good form and the result of the match was never in doubt after the first few holes.

The match between J. C. Wilmarth and W. N. Pettibone was more closely contested, but the former won, three up on the sixteenth hole. The finals start next Sunday morning at 9 o'clock and a considerable gallery is expected to make the trip around the course with the finalists. Mr. Wilmarth concedes his opponent two strokes.

The final in the match for the directors' trophy will bring W. E. Shelton against Tally Brown. Mr. Shelton had a close match with W. E. Rice, winning, one up. Mr. Brown won from A. A. Cox, two up on the 17th hole. Mr. Shelton gives Mr. Cox two strokes in the final, which is to be played on Sunday morning next.

Consolation Final Early in Week.

C. A. Beers and Lieut. F. M. Barrow will meet in the consolation final some time early in the week, as the army officer is under orders to proceed to Panama. Mr. Beers defeated Ted Davis, one up, in the semifinal, while Lieut. Barrow won from J. E. Allison, two up and one to play. The army man will get two strokes from Mr. Beers.

A putting contest for the women members of the club will take place on the 15th hole next Sunday afternoon, starting at 2 o'clock.

At 5 o'clock the prizes won in the club tournament will be presented and it is hoped that every member of the club will be present to congratulate the winners. Club professional Peter N. Jones promises there "will be something doing."

Cards Don't Figure.

The Cardinals seem doomed to the second division—and a deep down place, too. They haven't been strengthened as have the other clubs, and although Miller Huggins has some good pitchers and some fairly good fielders, he lacks real batting power.

It looks like New York, Boston, Chicago and Brooklyn to fight it out for first division honors, with Cincinnati and the Philadelphia in the "dark horse" class, and Pittsburgh and St. Louis to battle to a finish for the cellar place.

TELEGRAPHIC dispatches fail to give us any intimation that Jess Willard attended church three times on Sunday. After that talk about not wanting to fight on a religious holiday, we really looked for a few hundred words from Chicago on the church attendance of the champion.

However, it may be that he's saving up his religious energy and will join Billy Sunday next fall when his circus contract expires. We can imagine that Willard's "financial management" prefer religious efforts which bring in the coin.

DON'T overlook the bicycle road race on Tuesday. It starts at 9:30 o'clock from in front of the Texas Grand theater and the route will be along Texas street to Magoffin and thence to the county road to Yuleta. There used to be a lot of fun in "bike" races and it is likely that there is still some good sport in the game.

LAUNDRY LEAGUE WILL PLAY BALL

Season Opens With Acme-Elite Game, Acme Winning by Score of 5 to 4.

The 1916 senior baseball season in El Paso was formally opened Sunday afternoon at Washington park, where the laundry league, a new four club circuit, pulled off its initial game. There are four teams in the new circuit, each representing a local laundry. The Acme, Elite, Troy and El Paso laundries are represented in the league.

Sunday's game saw the Acme and Elite teams on the diamond and it was "home battle." Acme winning, 5 to 4. As the players have not had the advantage of any special spring training, it was decided that the salary wings would be stiff enough for Monday's big wash if they worked only seven innings.

Fletcher was on the mound for the Acme team and the big fellow not only twirled a superior article of ball but he certainly was there with the stick. His home run drive over the center field fence was one of the longest hits ever seen at Washington park. Frotha worked behind the bat for the Acme.

Chavez dished up a choice assortment of curves and twists for the Elite. McKinley doing the receiving. Had Chavez been able to slam out a homer, his work would have been on a par with that of Fletcher for it was Fletcher's home run which decided the game in favor of the Acme.

JIMMY LEE TO FIGHT MUSCOPF

The boxing bouts at Camp Cotton this evening, under the auspices of the 16th infantry entertainment committee promise to furnish some real excitement. The main bout will be between Jimmy Lee, lightweight champion of the 13th cavalry, Columbus, and Larry Muscopf, the star mid artiler of the Seventh infantry, and will be over a 15 round bout.

Sam Kendal, of the 15th, and Justus of the 20th, will meet in the six round curtain raiser, while Neimuth, of the 16th, and Holms, of the 15th, will go ten rounds in the semi final. The bouts will be held in the amuse-ment hall of the 16th infantry and the public is cordially invited to attend. The main bout looks to have real class and is worthy of good support. Jack Herrick to referee.

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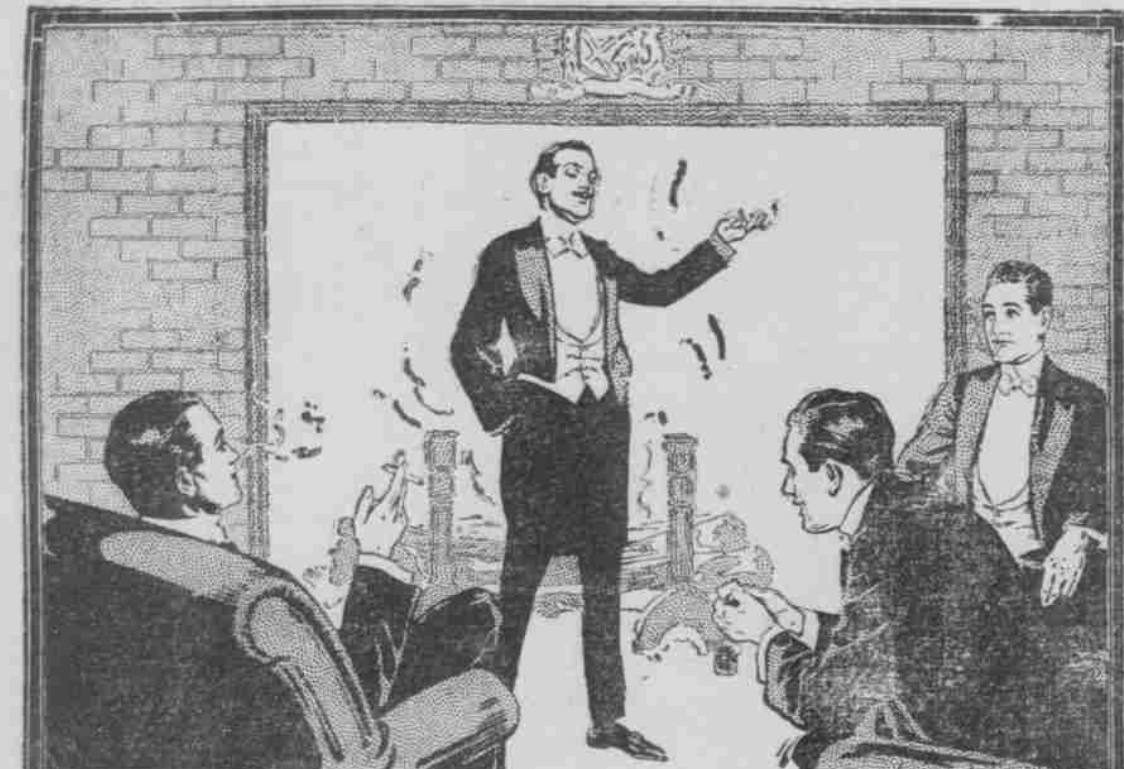


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